METHUEN'S HEAVY LOSS

Casualties at Modder River Announced by the War Office.

Seventy-three British Soldiers Killed and 365 Wounded-Re-enforcements of Cavalry and Highlander Going to the Front-Hurry Orders Sent to the Australian Contingent

LONDON, Dec. 2 .- The war office anpounces that the British casualties in the battle of Modder River were 438. The losses were seventy-thice killed and

265 Wound.d. The war office issues the following from

General Sir Forestier-Walker: "Cape Town, December 1.

"Gatacre reports no change in the situa-"French made a reconnoissance from Nanuwpoort to Rosmond. Troops returned

"Methuen remains at Modder River to reconstruct the bridge. Re-enforcements of Highlanders and cavalry are being sent.

"A corps of the horse artillery, the Canadian and Australian contingents and three battalions of infantry moved up the railway line in the direction of De Aar and

The "Times'" correspondent at Frere telegraphs, under date of November 28, as follows:

"The mounted infantry under Lord Dundonald today pursued the Boers toward Colenso. The British halted two and a half miles from this place, whereupon the shelled them with their long-range guns There were no casulaties. Later on the Colenso bridge was blown up."

LONDON, Dec. 2.-The Blackburn correspondent of the "Evening Standard" says that owing to the war a famine in the paper trade is threatened. American supplies have failed to arrive.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 28 (delayed in transmission).-The Australian contingent received hurried orders last night and im mediately left for the front.

General Methuen's victories have made great impression on the colonial Boers. There is no fear now that any more of the Cape Dutch will join the Boer army.

It is now certain that the bad conditio of the British cavalry horses alone prevented the complete annihilation of the Boer force at Belmont. There is a marked difference in the condition of the English and Australian horses on their arrival. The English horses suffer greatly during the voyage and when they reach here are suffering from swollen and stiff joints. On the other hand, the Australian horses arrive in good, serviceable condition. This was especially true of the mounts of the New Zealanders. These men are the best mounted contingent yet landed.

LONDON FINANCIERS ANXIOUS. Business Men Taking a Gloomy View

of the War Situation. LONDON, Dec. 2.—The London stock market is beginning to show great sensitiveness in connection with the doubtful progress of events in South Africa. Financiers are inclined to hold pessimistic

values, possibly a panic. No despatches from newspaper correspondents about the war are allowed to pass killed, wounded, and missing in the battle of Modder River are awaited with dread Texas to cross the bar he requested that and suspense.

Anxious crowds still besiege the war

office and newspaper offices. That it was feared that Kimberley would fall before Methuen could reach it is shown in Governor Milner's hint that it would be well for Cape Town to prepare to receive 10,000 refugees. Deprivation and disease have undoubtedly wrought great havor in Kimberley and Mafeking.

TRANSPORTS AT NATAL. The Mount Royal at Cape Town With

a Cargo of Mules. LONDON, Dec. 2.-The transports Idaho and Bayarian arrived at Natal ports yesterday. The Cheshire sailed from Cape Town for Port Elizabeth, and the Direc-

tor left the Cape for East London. The Mount Royal, with 1,902 mules, arrived at Cape Town yesterday.

GENERAL JOUBERT'S FATE. Renewed Reports That He Was Kill.

ed at Ladysmith. CAPE TOWN, Nov. 28 .- 19:35 a. m.1-There are recurring and substantial rumors that General Joubert was killed near Ladysmith on November 10. The correspon bas seen a letter written by a Boer in Pre toria to his wife, who is at Cape Town in which he stated he had just returned from

General Joubert's funeral. The "Grahamstown Journal" publishes letter from a Free State burgher at Ladysmith in which he says: "You will have heard of Joubert's death before this. He was killed by a shell which ricochetted and hit him in the head. He expired soon after. I was standing within ten yards of him at

MR CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH. More Comments From the Paris and

BERLIN, Dec. 2.-Referring to Secreta ry Chamberlain's speech at Leicester the 'Cologne Gazette" of this morning says:

"At first blush the word 'alliance' sou strange, but Mr. Chamberlain's explanation that he used it as meaning friendly co-operation where the three countries were guarding common interests will meet with the cordial assent of public men here." PARIS, Dec. 2.—All the morning papers comment on Secretary Chamberlain's

comment on Secretary Chamberlain's speech. Some contrast it with the speech made by Rear Admiral Beresford before the Royal Temple Yacht Club on Thanks-

The "Autorite" and "Gaulois" consider that Chamberlain wants war. The "Figaro" says the speech passes all bounds, and contrasts it with Lord Salisbury's Guild ro says twith Lord Salisbury's Guin-contrasts it with Lord Salisbury's and Hall address. The "Echo de Paris" and other papers declare the new so-called triple alliance to be a chimerical scheme. The "Siecle" says: "We indulged in pin-The "Siecle" says: "We indulged in pin-pricks and ill-natured words at some peo-ple who were clear-sighted enough to de-

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return \$1.25 via Pennsylvania Railroad Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, Deci and 8, good to return until Monday, Deci All trains except Congressional Limited.

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mand an alliance with Germany against Great Britain. This is the result—an agreement between Great Britain, Ger-many, and the United States."

LEAVE FOR CONSUL MACRUM. A Vacation for America's Repr

tative at Pretoria. Charles Macrum, United States Cor at Pretoria, South Africa, will be cabled permission to return home. The State Department will name someone in South Africa to represent this country, for a few weeks, until Mr. Macrum's successor can be sent from this country.

It was said at the State Department today that no reason was known why Mr. Macrum desired to leave Pretoria, but as he had insisted so persistently on being permitted to return, his request was

A cable despatch will probably be sen to Mr. Macrum tonight giving him permission to leave South Africa. The successor of Mr. Macrum has been practically agreed upon by the State Department, but his name will be withheld for a day or two. No messages were received from Consu Macrum today and the State Departmen

AN INVASION OF GUATEMALA. Mexican General Heads a Force Up

the Hondo River. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 2.-News reached here today that General Monasterio, of the Mexican army, with a fleet of light draft steamboats, has gone up the Hondo River

into Guatemala territory.

The vessels which comprise Monasterio's fleet were built in this city and started from here presumably for use against the ndians at Yucatan. Monasterio has with him a strong force and his vessels are all armed with rapid-fire guns of the latest pattern. The purpose of the expedition against Guatemala is not known, although many complaints have recently been ma that the smaller republic has oppressed Mexican subjects resident within its borders.

DEBATE ON THE TRANSVAAL. Law Students Will Discuss the Boe British War.

The Debating Society of the Georgetown University School of Law will hold a public debate tonight at 8 o'clock at 508 E Street northwest. The subject that will come up for discussion is, "That the Boers are Justified in Their Present Stand Against Great Britain." The affirmative stand will be taken and defended by John M. Carr, of Indiana, and Charles Denegre, of Louisiana, while the negative side of the resolution will be represented by John J. Brosnan and Daniel W. O'Bonoghue, both of the District of Columbia. Mark S. Brewer, Civil Service Commissioner; Maurice D. O'Connell, Solicitor of the Treasury, and Dominic I. Murphy, will act

The following are the officers of the society: President, James H. Higgins, Rhode Island; vice president, Daniel W. O'Donoghue, District of Columbia; secretary, W. Gwynn Gardner, Maryland; treas urer, Erastus D. Telford, Illinois; ser-geant-at-arms, Robert R. White, District

ORDERS FOR THE TEXAS.

Battleship Will Remain Of Brunswick Harbor.

Captain Sigsbee, of the battleship Texas, telegraphed the Navy Department yesterday from Brunswick, Ga., that there was not enough water on the bar at that place views of the situation, and there is sppre- to attempt to enter the harbor. He asked hension of a disastrous disturbance of that his instructions to go to Brunswick to attend a local celebration there be re voked.

A despatch was also received at the de by the censor. The full lists of names of partment from the mayor of Brunswick saying that owing to the inability of the she be permitted to remain off Brunswick for three or four days, to give the people

structions to receive on board the bodies of the Maine's men, which are to be brough to this country for reinterment at the Arlington National Cemetry, Secretary Long telegraphed a favorable response to the mayor's request.

DEATH OF JAMES M'DOWELL.

The Remains to Be Interred at Bloomington, III.

James McDowell, a former resident of Bloomington, Ill., died yesterday evening at his home, 1004 C Street northeast. Mr McDowell at one time was a prominent politician in South Dakota, and during President Benjamin Harrison's Adminis tration was register of the United States Land Office, at Huron. For the past year he had been attached to the office of the Comptroller of the Currency,, acting as special examiner of failed banks, and at the time of his death was receiver of the First National Bank, of Cordele, Iowa. During his residence in Illinois he was a strong supporter of Gen. John A. Logan, and was one of his managers at his last election to the Senate, when he was chosen by one vote after a deadlock lasting several months. The funeral will take place in Bloomington on Monday.

TWENTY YEARS A PASTOR.

Anniversary Sermon of the Rev. S. H. Greene at Calvary Church. Instead of the regular sermon at the Calvary Baptist Church tomorrow morning the Rev. S. H. Greene will review the work of the twenty years during which he has been pastor of this church. Statistics will be given showing the growth of the work dur-

ing this time.

No sermon will be preached during the evening service, but instead four laymen will talk on the subject of twenty years in Christian work.

WRECKING PLAN FAILED.

Three Boys' Plan to Destroy a Trai

FORT PLAIN, N. Y., Dec. 2.-Ap at tempt was made last night at train wrecking by three boys between Mindenville and Indian Castle, two small stations on the West Shore Railroad, between Fort Plain and Little Falls. The boys piled ties across the track at the sharp curve in a rocky cut, just about in time to wreck the fast bound Continental Limited.

The crew of a westbound freight train saw the ties piled across the track and at once notified the station man at Indian Castle, who in turn held back the Continental, until the obstructions could be re moved. One of the boys, Charles Lasher. thirteen yearse of age, is under arrest and Is in the Fonda fail. The other two will be

M. Cambon Goes to Paris. LONDON, Dec. 2 .- M. Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador to Great Britain, left for Paris today.

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PHE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Balloting for the Leadership of the Minority in Progress.

Richardson, Sulzer, Bankhead, and DeArmond the Candidates-Confident Claims of Success Made by the Partisans of Each-Roberts, of Utah, Admitted to the Meeting.

The caucus of the Democratic members of the House was still in session at 3:30 o'clock. At that hour candidates for nomination for Speaker were being balloted

After the selection of a chairman and ecretaries, Representative Cummings of New York nominated Representative Sulter of New York. Representative Carnack of Tennessee proposed the name of Representative Richardson. Representative Ball of Texas nominated Mr. Bankhead, and Representative Benton of Missour ominated Mr. De Armond.

Representative Brigham H. Roberts nitted to the caucus and will vote on all

uestions that come before it. The result of the first ballot was: Richardson, 43. De Armond, 39.

Bankhead, 34. Sulzer, 25. The second ballot resulted: Richardson, 41. De Armond, 39

Bankhead, 27.

Sulzer, 25. The early part of the session of the aucus was taken up by the election of a anent chairman, and two secretaries. For the first position Representative Amor Cummings of New York was chosen, Repesentatives Hay of Virginia, and Roberton of Louisiana, were chosen secretaries Mr. Hay was elected by a vote of 77 to 62,

About 140 members were present when the caucus was called to order, shortly after 1 o'clock. Supporters of Mr. Sulzer predicted an early victory for the Repreentative from New York.

Representative Daly of New Jersey wa the leader of the Sulzer forces, and claimed that the matter would be settled within fifteen minutes after the first ballot was taken. "There will be but two ballots," said he,

and there will be nothing to the fight but Congressman Sulzer." It was claimed that at the last moment, four members from Pennsylvania had gone over to the Sulzer ranks. Representative Richardson was conspic

ously absent from the hall of the House and the corridors. He remained in a committee room until the caucus was called o order. His supporters showed the same aggressive spirit that has characterized them throughout the contest, and predicted his election. They stated that they could not see how he could be defeated. Representative Bankhead seemed nervous

and spent the time in pacing the corridor on the Republican side of the House. Representative DeArmond was absent from the floor previous to the calling of the caucus. The gossip on the situation was to the effect that Mr. DeArmond had but a ender chance of election.

The general opinion was that the real fight would be between Richardson and Sulzer. The most positive assurances of the election of the former were emphasized by his supporters, but diametrically opposed to this were the assertions of the New Yorkers that Sulzer would win vithout trouble.

The Democratic members began to ar rive at the Capitol shortly after 10 o'clock Representative Richardson of Tenness was the first candidate to appear. He his headquarters in the rooms of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Bankhead folan opportunity of visiting her:

As the Texas will not be needed at Halowed a few moments later and opened headquarters in the room of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. Mr. De Armond located in the room of the Committee on Appropriations, while Mr. Sulzer was found in the quarters of the Committee on Naval Affairs, where the New York delegation

seld a conference at 12:30 o'clock. As the members arrived they stopped in at the House postoffice, received their mail, went upstairs to the House where they deposited their hats and coats in the cloal cooms, and then paid social calls on the candidates. The partisans of each candi-late for the leadership had figures to show

that their man was a sure winner. The Tennessee members, before the meeting of the caucus, gathered in groups and carefully discussed the situation. This was also true of the delegations from Alabama and Missouri. The New York dele-gation did considerable button holeing before meeting in conference. ment they advanced was that the election of Sulzer meant the strengthening of the party in the East, and especially in New York, which, they say, is a pivotal State. They claimed that Sulzer's election would give the Empire State to the Democrati party in 1900.

FINANCES OF THE DISTRICT. Report of the Auditor Submitted t

The report of the Auditor of the District howing the amount of receipts and expenditures of the local government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, was made public by the Commissioners today. The report shows that the revenues from all sources amounted to \$4,574,204.11, and the total amount from the various appropria tions from Congress was \$9,300,(4).11.

Of the latter fund there is yet in the f the United States an unex-ince of \$1,145,260.05. During the year there were a number of deposits made by the District of the funds it had received from various sources which amounted to \$6,544,677.79 and there remains an unexnded balance from these deposits of \$1.70

THUGS ON AN ELEVATED TRAIN Iwo Men Beaten and Robbed in the

Suburbs of Chicago CHICAGO, Dec. 2 .- Two masked robbers eld up the smoking car of a Metro Elevated train shortly before midnight There were but two passengers in the car the train having reached a station beyonthe city limits. Both men were robbed af-ter being seriously beaten with brass knuckles.

They were Patrick Grady and James Walsh, both living on Halstead Street, near 111th Street. Grady lost a gold watch and \$30 and Walsh a watch.

Opposition to Provincial Autonom MADRID, Dec. 2.-In the chamber to day Senor Villaverde, the Minister of Fi-nance, stated that he was absolutely oposed to the scheme for provincial finan Norfolk & Washington Steambont Co

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morial From the Pennsylvani Democratic State Committee.

DIRECTED AGAINST QUAY.

It is said that should the Senate Comm ee on Privileges and Elections recognize others than members in argument upon the validity of Senator M. S. Quay's claim to a sent in the upper house of Congress, his opponents will be represented by former nator Edraunds. In that event it is expected that Mr. Quay's claims will be advocated by the attorney general of Penn-sylvania, John P. Elkin. The memorial to the United States Senate, signed by nearly three-fourths of the members of the las

three-fourths of the members of the last State Legislature, Democrats and anti-Quay Republicans, will be forwarded directly to the President pro tem. of the Senate.

Copies of the memorial addressed to the Democratic members of the Senate by the Pennsylvania Democratic State Executive Committee, presenting reasons why Mr. Quay should not be seated, have reached Washington. The case of the committee is presented as follows:

"The Democratic Executive Committee of Pennsylvania, in meeting duly assem-

of Pennsylvania, in meeting duly assem-bled, respectfully submit the following reasons for your consideration against the seating of Matthew S. Quay as an appointed Senator from Pennsylvania:
"A vacancy arose on March 4, 1899, in
the office of United States Senator from
Pennsylvania, by the, expiration of the
term of Matthew S. Quay.

"The Democratic at 10 of the mile
and House of Representatives of Pennsyl-

vania unanimously, in connection with a most one-third of the Republican representatives in the general assembly and representing more than a majority of the membership thereof, continuously for seventy-nine days, and until adjournment, voted against the re-election of the said Matthew S. Quay as United States Senator. He failed of an election of Senator by the legislature of our State. Whereupon William A. Stone, Governor of Pennsylvania, undertook to appoint him Senator, notwithstanding the provisions of the contitution of Pennsylvania. Article II, section 4, which reads as follows:

"In case of a vacancy in the office of

'In case of a vacancy in the office of United States Senator from this Cor wealth in a recess, the governor shall con-vene the two houses by proclamation on notice not exceeding sixty days, to fill the

"And the Constitution of the United States, which thus provides (Article I, section 3):

"And if vacancies happen by resignation or otherwise during the recess of the
legislature of any State, the executive
thereof may make temporary appointments
until the next meeting of the legislature."

"And this, notwithstanding this vacancy in the representation of Pennsylvania in the United States Senate happened during the sessions of the legislature of this State, to wit, March 4, 1899, and that the legis-lature adjourned April 20, 1899, more than six weeks after the vacancy occurred. "It is plain, under the constitution of Pennsylvania, the governor is required to convene the legislature to fill a vacancy within sixty days. This authority to con-vene the legislature to fill a vacancy cannot be lawfully construed that because the legislature failed to elect, therefore the governor is vested with the power of ap-pointment; because, first, the Constitution of the United States authorizes the gover nor to make such appointments only dur-ing the recess of the legislature; second because the constitution of Peansylvania provides what the executive shall do, to-

provides what the executive shall do, to-wit, convene the legislature.

"We therefore submit, as a reasonable and legal proposition, that when the con-stitution of Pennsylvania expressly pro-vides how the vacancy shall be filled, no other method can be lawfully substituted. The people of Pennsylvania, in their fun-damental law, have say that the legisla-

ture shall fill the vacancy in the office of Senator, and not the g. vernor. "We respectfully appeal to you to oppose the seating of Matthew Stanley Quay, not only for the legal and constitutional reas-ons herein briefly set forth, but also be-cause he is the head and front of a 'political machine' which has continuously through the officebolders elected by it, violated the constitution of our State, in refusing to make a Senatorial and Represen tative apportionment of our State; that he has degraded our public life and debauched our election, and passed election laws that are but means of practicing fraudulent voting and counting, and has denied the conto vote for the adoption of amendments to the constitution necessary to secure the pu-

rity of our elections.
"We, therefore, profest against the appointment of Matthew S. Quay as Senato from Pennsylvania, and request that you oppose the seating of said Matthew S. Quay, and that you adhere to the precedents a construction of the Constitution of the

Union of States. FINANCIAL WATTERS DISCUSSED Conference of Republican Senators

With Secretary Gage. The Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee, Senators Aldrich, Allison, Platt of Connecticut, and Burrows, met at 10 o'clock this morning in the Finance Committee-room at the Capitol to consider the preparation of a measure for

the refunding of the public debt. At 11 o'clock Secretary Gage, who had been invited to appear before the committee, arrived. He remained in conference with the committee for several hours exlaining in detail his views on the subject. When he left the committee room he de-clined to say what passed between him-self and the Senators. The Secretary said he could say nothing at this time. It is not believed the committee will its labors today. The only member was Senator Platt of New York. mittee will conclude

PRIMARIES IN ALABAMA.

Senntorial Coutest in Limeston

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 2.-The first emocratic primaries in the Senatorial between Senator Morgan and Governor Johnston are being held today in Limestone and Marshall which act in ad-Limestone and Marshall which act in advance of the other counties. The vote during the morning was heavy and the indications are that Morgan will carry Limestone and Johnston Marshall, the latter being a stronghold of the Populists, many of whom are returning to the Democracy and supporting Johnston.

Today's elections are expected to be a

Today's elections are expected to be a stand-off and will decide nothing, except that the strength of the two candidates seems to be very nearly equal. The remaining counties, except three, will act next April.

Mine Mule Drivers Strike.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 2.-Five hundre orkmen are idle at the Dilige Mine through a strike of forty mule drivers. The latter want more pay, which the Lacka-wanna coal management refuses to con-cede. They were told by Superintendent Evans today that other drivers will be se-cured and the strikers threaten trouble for

Admiral Schley at St. Lucia The Navy Department received word to-day that Rear Admiral Schley, on the Chicago, had reached St. Lucia, West Indies. \$1.25 Baltimore and Return via B. &

O. Saturday and Sunday.

December 2 and 3, good for return until ing Monday. Tickets good on all trains Royal Limited. Kiln dried Boards \$1.45. prices in town. F. Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. av.

CURRENCY BILL DEFECTS General Otis Announces the Disaster

Changes to Be Made in the House Caucus Measure.

Errors Regarded as Affecting the Maintenance of the Gold Reserve to Be Corrected-Several Modifica tions Probable Before the Propose Law Comes Up for Consideration

The House Republican caucus committee that prepared the bill for the revision of the currency system has decided to make one important change in the meas ure and it is regarded as likely that others will either be made before the measure is introduced in the House or the framer of the bill will introduce amendments lat.

The statement was made today by Representative Payne, a member of the caucus committee, that the defect in the bill which has been pointed out affecting the maintenance of the gold reserve will be corrected at once. As the bill stands it is provided that the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury shall be to keep the gold reserve fund up to the limit of 25 per cent of the volume of notes now outstanding.

This provision takes no account of the mount of notes that will be retired. If all the notes should be paid in and redeemed, bonds would probably have to be sold o make up the original 25 per cent. The bill, it is true, leaves the seiling of bonds to the discretion of the Secretary, but it is recognized that the seiling of bonds for this purpose is not desirable and is not ontemplated. Several leading Republican members who are especially interested in the proposed legislation have called atten-tion to the fact that the 25 per cent revision, since it takes no account of notes to e retired means that an arbitrary amount of gold is to be kept in reserve.

Since the amount of notes is now \$436. 000,000 the gold reserve under this proposed law would be \$199,000,000, and would have to be kept there even if every dollar of the notes should be retired. The arguments of these Representatives, among whom is Representative Hill of Connecticut, and two or three other members of the Banking and Currency Committee of the last Congress, led to the decision to change the bill before it is introduced.

The committee has not yet decided to modify that contradictory paragraph of the bill which declares that "all" obligations, public and private, shall be performed in conformity with the gold standard and then isserts that "nothing herein contained shall affect the present legal tender quality of the silver dollar."

fections in the caucus measure will be re-moved in the bill now being prepared by

WILL EXTRADITE SAMPSON.

British Authorities Will Hold His Until the Papers Arrive.

The American Embassy in London notifled the State Department yesterday that M. J. Sampson, of Chicago, had been ar rested in Tipperary, Ireland, at the request of the chief of police of Chicago where he was a city marshal, and is want. ed for forgery. The embassy asked if the department desired that Sampson be detained pending the arrival of a request for

his extradition. A few days ago the department received from the Governor of Illinois an application for the surrender of Sampson, who had then been located in Ireland. The application was not properly authenticated by the seal of the State of Illinois, and was therefore returned to the governor for

in view of the fact that no forma application has been received, the State Debassy in London to make a formal request for Sampson's surrender. It therefore merely notified the embassy that the Governor of Illinois had asked that he be e tradited. This will be sufficient to ensu Sampson's detention until the necessary of Illinois had asked that he be ex papers are presented to the British Gov

NITROGLYCERINE ABANDONED.

Its I've for Smokeless Powder Found

The Ordnance Bureau of the Army has determined to abandon for the present the manufacture of nitroglycerine smokeless powder and will adopt for use a pure solu ble cotton powder similar to that used by

the navy. This determination which was reached this week was partly brought about by an other explosion testing a six Inch gun at Sandy Hook. The test was being conducted just a week ago and the officers were using smokeless powder designed for six-inch guns, but with the grains cut in half for use in the six-inch gun. Several times be fore this charge had been used successfully, but on this occasion detonated and gava pressure of over 80,000 pounds, which exceeded the pressure gauge of the gun. The gun was but slightly injured, several of the

For several years the Army Ordnance Bureau has been using a smokeless pow-der with nitroglycerine as one of the coments. It is thought that nitroglycerin

ponents. It is thought that nitroglycerine could be sufficiently controlled for use, but different tests have nearly established it as an uncertain compound.

The Ordnance Bureau of the Navy has confined itself to a pure cotton compound of the soluble class. Gen. A. R. Buffington has now directed that future orders for the army be of cotton powder and it is not improbable that this powder will be adopting improbable that this powder will be adopt-ed. Experiments with the nitroglycerine wder will be continued, however, view to perfecting it if possible.

overnment Survey of Cape Henry NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 2.-A corps of en gineers, under the direction of Capt. Thomas Lacey, U. S. A., engineer in charge of the defences of the harbor, is making survey of the region about Cape Henry It is said unofficially that the work is being done to determine the practicability of establishing coast batteries there which shall command the mouth of the Chess-peake Bay, defending the approach from the sea to Norfolk, Richmond, Newport News, Baltimore, and Washington

Btds for a Big Contract HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 2.-Hoover Stearns & Co., of Columbus, Ohio, were he lowest bidders on the first thirty miles of the Guyandotte Valley Railway. The contract has not yet been signed, but will likely be on Monday.

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SURRENDER OF BAYOMBONG.

The War Department received a cable despatch from General Otis today confirming the report in the press despatches of the fall of Bayombong. The insurgent general, Canon, surrendered his entire force of 800 men, with a lot of arms and ammunition. Seventy Spanish and a few American prisoners were also surrendered by the insurgents. General Otis' cable despatch follows:

Manila, December 2, 1800.

Adjutant General, Washington:
Heport received that Bayomhong, with Province
Nueva Viscaya surrendered November 28 to Lieut.
Monroe, Fourth Cavalry, who commanded advance
acouts on Carrangalan train consisting fifty men
Fourth Cavalry and three native scouts. Insurgent General Canon surrendered entire force,
numbering 800 men, armed with Mausers and
number officers, seventy Spanish and few American
prisoners secured and probably considerable insurgent property.

OTIS REPORTS A SUICIDE.

Lieutenant Colonel Brereton Ends His Life While Insane. General Otis cabled to the Secretary War today announcing the death by sul-

cide of Lieutemat Colonel Brereton, cap-tain of the Twenty-fourth Infantry. General Otis' despatch is as follows: Adjutant General, Washington:
Lieutenant Colonel Brereton, captain Twenty-fourth Infanty, while temporarily insane, committed saicide at Santa Tomas, near San Fernando, Union Province, Luzon, at 6 o'clock this morning. Insunity first man, November 29, at Manila, December 2.

War Department officials do not understand the last sentence of the cablegram, and General Otis will probably be asked to repeat it. Captain Breeton is a lieu-tenant colonel in the Thirty-third Volun-

eer Infantry. Lieutenant Colonel Brereton graduated from West Point in 1877, and was appoint-ed to the regular army as a second lieu-tenant. In 1882 he was appointed to first lieutenant, and in 1893 to captain. first lieutenant, and in 1893 to captain. He served as captain in the Twenty-fourth infantry at the battle of San Juan, where he was wounded during he engagement of July 1. For gallantry at San Juan he was made a major of volunteers, and from December, 1898, to May 11, 1899, he served as collector of customs at Clenfuegos, Cuba. He leaves a widow and several children.

A CABLE TO MANILA.

the Government, which show that there is nothing to prevent the construction of an all-American line, with an inter-

of an all-American line, with an intermediate station in Hawaii. This would bring Washington and Manila together, and greatly facilitate intercourse between these distant points, and serve an immense commercial advantage.

At present the despatches from this country to the Far East go over two liner—one through Siberia and northern Europe, and the other through India and southern Europe. The cost to individuals and commercial houses for messages is almost prohibitive, and the necessity of frequent repetition is the occasion of many errors and unavoidable delay.

The details of the enterprise, it is said, will probably be settled during the coming winter.

ing winter.

THE RACE TO MANILA. The Brooklyn Leaves Colombo-The

New Orleans Prepares to Follow. The Navy Department was informed today that the Brooklyn had left Colombo for Singapore on her way to Manila. She s proceeding against a heavy head wind. which will probably delay her for a day or so. Singapore will probably be the last point touched before Manila. The New Orleans is still at Colombo, but will prob-ably leave tomorrow. It is thought that the New Orleans will beat the Brooklyn to

Galle. SAILED FOR MANILA.

hafter Reports the Departure the Transport Columbia. The departure of the transport Columbia rom San Francisco for Manila was officially announced to the Secretary of War in the following telegram received today

from General Shafter: San Francisco, Cal., December 2, 2890. General, Washington: djutant General, Washington:
Transport Columbia sailed 3 p. m. yesterday
ith field and staff, band, and Companies II, I, K.
and M. Forty second infantry, 21 officers, 500
nen; Lieutenant Colonal Beacon commanding;
icting assistant Surgeon 0. B. Weed, 8 members
Jospital Corps and 2 casuals, Sixteenth Infantry.
SHAFTER, Major General.

BURGLARS BLOW OPEN A SAFE

Fire Results and an Aged Woman Burns to Death. PORT JERVIS,, N. Y., Dec. 2.-An exsion awoke the citizens of Hancock, N. Y., at 2:30 o'clock this morning. When the startled inhabitants arrived at the scene they discovered that burglars had blown open the safe of John Howard's drug store. The building was wrecked and S. A. Gould and family living overhead barely escaped with their lives, as the structure immedi-ately took fire. The flames communicated to Felix Saries' clothing store and James

Tarbox's hardware store.

All three buildings and most of their contents were destroyed. The aged mothe Mr. Tarbox was burned to death in bed over the hardware store. There is no

trace of the burglars. NATIONAL BANK CIRCULATION. Report of the Comptroller of Cur-

rency for the Month. The monthly circulation statement of the Comptroller of the Currency shows at the close of business November 29, 1899, the total circulation of national banknotes was \$243,760,248, an increase during the month of November of \$775,554, and an increase turing the last twelve months of \$1,058,210.
Circulation based on United States bonds amounted to \$209,161,902, an increase for the mouth of \$1,241,128, and a decrease for the year of \$4,766,641. Circulation secured by lawful money amounted to \$34,598,246, a decrease for the month of \$465,571. and an increase for the year of \$5,824,851.

The amount of United States registered bonds on deposit to secure circulation notes was \$234,221,460, and to secure public de-posits \$70,194,940.

A Thresher Trust Propo INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 2.—A. A. Mc-Kain, president of the Indiana Manufac-turing Company, and promoter of the thresher trust, has returned from New York and announced that the combination thresher trust, has returned from New York and announced that the combination had been agreed upon by 70 per cent of the threahing machine manufacturers of the country and will be capitalized at \$60,000,000. At the recent meeting in New York representatives of these factories were present and the reports of the experts who examined their plants were submitted. It now only remains to fix the value of the several plants. The new comvalue of the several plants. The new com-bination will be backed by New York banks, arrangements having been perfected

Band-Sawed Best Boards \$1.45 100 ft.-best in town, F. Libbey & Co.

THE CASE OF MR. ROBERTS

Democrats Will Oppose the Repub-

The Plan to Object to the Swearing in of Utah's Representative Not Approved by Members of the Minor. ity in the House-Investigation Wanted Before Action in Taken.

lican Mode of Procedure.

Indications today point to a lively tilt in he House when the attempt is made, er the plans arranged at the Republicau conference last night, to prevent the swearing in of Representative-elect Roberts of

The Democrats, as a rule, have been reticent regarding the case, and want a thorough and unbiased investigation of it. There are some, however, who express the opinion that Mr. Roberts should be seated as his credentials entitle him to the same privileges as any other member. Prominent among these Democrats is Amos Cummings of New York, who is credited with the statement that if the Republicans object to Mr. Roberts being sworn in he will object to the acceptance of the credentials

object to the acceptance of the credentials of the member whose name follows that of the Representative from Utah.
Representative Bailey of Texas said this morning that he would protest against as objection to Roberts taking his seat and would argue that he should be admitted, his case to be decided upon later. Mr. Bailey does not claim that Roberts is eligible, but says that the House cannot go behind the returns until after Roberts takes his seat, when a two-thirds vote can expel him. No protest, it is said, will be made against Roberts taking part in the Democratic caucus, as the Democratic senserally, hold the view that until unscated Roberts is a member of the House.

At the Republican caucus tonight Representative Taylor of Ohlo will present the facts in the case of Mr. Roberts, to that body, and the probabilities are that a special committee will be designated to consider the matter. Petitions and circulars from various matter of the country, pro-

sider the matter. Pelitions and circulars from various parts of the country, pro-testing against Mr. Roberts' right to a seat in the House, will have an important

The Fensibility of a Submarine Tele
graph Across the Pacific.

The President, it is announced, will recommend to Congress the laying of an American cable from San Francisco to Manila. Surveys have been completed by the Government, which show that there were still in the nephtentlary. It is conwere still in the penitentiary. It is con-tended that Mr. Roberts was not made eligible to Congress by the amnesties de-clared since his release. When the State of Utah is called in the House on Monday and Mr. Roberts comes forward to be sworn in some Republican member will raise an objection to the oath of office being administered to him. Who this member will be has not yet been decided upon, but the impression is that Mr. Taylor of Ohio will be the one selected for that

purpose.

Mr. Roberts will be requested by the Speaker to stand aside until all the States have been called. The member making the objection will then be called upon to state on what grounds his objection is based. This will result in the submitting of a resolution against Mr. Roberts and the Speaker will ascertain the sense of the House on the question. The plan, as agreed upon, is to let a special committee take charge of the affair for investigation, and report to the House its findings in the case.

Mr. Roberts, of course, will be given every opportunity to defend himself. Opposed to him, according to reports, will be some of the best constitutional lawyers of some of the best constitutional lawyers of

the country employed by the various so-cieties and organizations which have been so. Singapore will probably be the last point touched before Manila. The New Orleans is still at Colombo, but will probably leave tomorrow. It is thought that the New Orleans will beat the Brooklyn to Manila.

The gunboat Marietta, which is one of the four vessels making the race to the Philippines, left Aden today for Port de Calle.

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Christian women of the city. Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a mass meeting in the First Con-gregational Church under the auspices of the League of Social Science in the interest of the anti-Mormon movement. Dr. Josiah Strong will preside. It is announced that addresses will be made by the Rev. R. H.

McKim, the Rev. J. G. Butler, the Rev. F. Bristol, and others.

THE SAMOAN TREATY. The International Compact Will Be

Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, called on the Secretary of State today and discussed the final details of signing the Samoan treaty. The German Ambassador was not present, but was expected to call later in the day.

The final arrangements are about c pleted and the treaty, it was said, will be signed late this afternoon.

As has been stated, the United States gets the island of Tetuila and all other islands east of the 171st degree of longitude,

while Germany gets all islands west of the 171st degree and Great Britain releases all claims to the group. All three nations will have equal trade

LITTLE FEVER AT CAVITE. Medical Inspector Waggener's Re-

irgeon General Van Reypen, of the Navy, has received a report from Medical inspector J. R. Waggener, in charge of the

He states that during the week of Octo-ber 21 to 28 there were three patients ad-mitted and eight discharged, leaving only thirty in the hospital. Nearly all of the tients are marines who were wounded in me of the battles. There are only three four cases of fever and the general health of the troops near Cavite is said to

ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The Annual Services Will Be Held Tomorrow Evening.

The annual memorial exercises of the nevolent Protective Order of Elks will be held under the direction of the local nittee of Lodge No. 15, at the Columbia Theatre tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, and the general public are cordially in-

The local committee is composed of: E. The local committee is composed of: E. B. Hay, chairman; M. G. McCormick, vice chairman; George A. Tracy, treasurer; Joseph A. Burkart, F. B. Clarkson, F. H. Harrington, Jacob Heid, J. William Lec, John C. Maxwell, Richard A. O'Brien, John W. O'Connor, M. P. Sullivan, M, Er

Confesses to Incendiarism HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 2 .- Percy Em-

warehouse at Smithsburg, which was used by the Western Maryland Railroad Comany as a freight depot. The building was arped last spring. Flynn's Business College, 8th and K.

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